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CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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To request a Time Extension (TE) or Alternative Diversion Requirement (ADR), please complete and sign this request sheet and return it to your Office of Local Assistance (OLA) representative at the address below, along with any additional information requested by OLA staff. When all documentation has been received, your OLA representative will work with you to prepare for your appearance before the Board. If you have any questions about this process, please call (916) 341-6199 to be connected to your OLA representative.

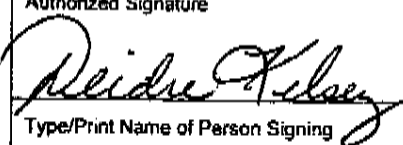
Mail completed documents to:

California Integrated Waste Management Board
Office of Local Assistance, (MS 25)
1001 I Street
PO Box 4025
Sacramento CA 95812-4025

General Instructions:

For a Time Extension complete Sections I, II, III-A, IV-A, and V.

For an Alternative Diversion Requirement complete Sections I, II, III-B, IV-B and V.

Section I: Jurisdiction Information and Certification			
<i>All respondents must complete this section.</i>			
I certify under penalty of perjury that the information in this document is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of:			
Jurisdiction Name Merced County Solid Waste Regional Agency		County Merced	
Authorized Signature 		Title Chairperson	
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Section II—Cover Sheet

This cover sheet is to be completed for each Time Extension (TE) or Alternative Diversion Requirement (ADR) requested.

1. Eligibility

Has your jurisdiction filed its Source Reduction and Recycling Element, Household Hazardous Waste Element, and Nondisposal Facility Element with the Board (must have been filed by July 1, 1998 if you are requesting an ADR)?

☐ No. If no, stop; not eligible for a TE or ADR.

☒ Yes. If yes, then eligible for a TE or ADR.

2. Specific Request and Length of Request

Please specify the request desired.

☒ **Time Extension Request**

Specific years requested 2005

Is this a second request? ☒ No ☐ Yes Specific years requested
(Note: Requests for an additional extension will need to address why the jurisdiction's efforts to meet the 50% goal by the end of the first extension were not successful.)

☐ **Alternative Diversion Requirement Request (Not allowed for Regional Agencies).**

Specific ADR requested %, for the years

Is this a second ADR request? ☐ No ☐ Yes Specific ADR requested %, for the years

(Note: Requests for an additional ADR will need to address why the jurisdiction's efforts to meet 50% by the end of the first ADR period were not successful.)

Note: Extensions may be requested anytime by a jurisdiction, but will only be effective in the years from January 1, 2000 to January 1, 2006. An original request for a TE/ADR may be granted for any period up to three years and subsequent requests for TE/ADR may extend the original request or be based on new circumstances but the total number of years for all requests cannot total more than five years or extend beyond January 1, 2006.

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Section IIIA—TIME EXTENSION

Within this section, discuss your jurisdiction's progress in implementing diversion programs that were planned to achieve 50%. Provide any additional information that demonstrates "good faith effort." The CIWMB shall determine your jurisdiction's progress in demonstrating "good faith effort" towards complying with AB 939. Note: The answers to each question should be comprehensive and provide specific details regarding the jurisdiction's situation.

Attach additional sheets if necessary—please reference each response to the appropriate cell number (e.g., IIIA-1).

- 1. Why does your jurisdiction need more time to meet the 50% goal? Describe why SRRE selected programs did not achieve 50% diversion. Identify barriers to meeting the 50% goal and briefly indicate how they will be overcome.**

Merced County Solid Waste Regional Agency's diversion rate fell at an unexpected rate in the 2003 reporting year. Prior to that, the regional agency was achieving either the 50% diversion mandate or "good faith effort." Merced County experienced unprecedented growth in the housing and commercial development sectors, causing a marked increase in disposed tonnage. Thus, the regional agency is requesting the TE to assess current trends in generation in order to better evaluate programs for diversion that would best support a regional approach to solid waste management.

- 2. Why does your jurisdiction need the amount of time requested? Describe any relevant circumstances in the jurisdiction that contribute to the need for a Time Extension.**

Merced County has experienced unprecedented growth in the housing and commercial sectors over the past three years, due in part to the siting of the new UC campus in North Merced. In contrast, Merced County's growth in population and employment figures have remained relatively stable, hence Merced County is not seeing the benefit of these two adjustment factors in the CIWMB-generated diversion rate.

- 3. Describe your jurisdiction's Good Faith Efforts to implement the programs in its SRRE.**

In 1999, the regional agency approved a three-program strategy to meet the 50% mandate by the year 2000: regional curbside green waste; landfill diversion; and, transformation credits. Merced County Solid Waste Regional Agency achieved a "good faith effort" Board-approved 49% diversion rate in the year 2000; 50% Board-approved in 2001; and, "good faith effort" Board-approved 48% in 2002.

In 2003, the cities of Atwater, Los Banos and Merced implemented curbside yard waste. Currently, five of the seven jurisdictions have curbside yard waste programs. In addition, the City of Merced implemented curbside recycling in the spring of 2003.

However, these programs do not seem to generate enough diversion to offset the marked increase in disposed tonnages in the 2003 reporting year. Thus, additional time is necessary to implement new programs.

- 4. Provide any additional relevant information that supports the request.**

Merced County Solid Waste Regional Agency has recently begun tracking C&D waste disposal to gain a better understanding of the quantities and types of C&D waste as it arrives at the county's two landfills.

The regional agency will begin to examine alternatives to disposal for this C&D waste stream.

In addition, staff is examining countywide commercial roll-off accounts as a potential source of diversion.

Merced County Solid Waste Regional Agency is currently considering conducting a generation based study, to see if the study warrants requesting a CIWMB-approved new base year. In addition, the regional agency is considering conducting a new waste characterization study for the purpose of either creating a 'regional' Source Reduction and Recycling Element (SRRE) or updating each jurisdiction's existing SRRE.

See Plan of Correction for individual programs slated for implementation within the jurisdictions.

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Section IIIB—ALTERNATIVE DIVERSION REQUIREMENT

Within this section, discuss your jurisdiction's progress in implementing diversion programs that were planned to achieve 50%. Provide any additional information that demonstrates "good faith effort." The CIWMB shall determine your jurisdiction's efforts in demonstrating "good faith effort" towards complying with AB 939. Note: The answers to each question should be comprehensive and provide specific details regarding the jurisdiction's situation.

Attach additional sheets if necessary—please reference each response to the appropriate cell number (e.g., IIIB-1.).

1. Why does your jurisdiction need and Alternative Diversion Requirement? Describe why SRRE selected programs did not achieve 50% diversion. Identify barriers to meeting the 50% goal and briefly indicate how they will be overcome.

2. Why is your jurisdiction requesting an Alternative Diversion Requirement in lieu of a Time Extension?

3. Describe your jurisdiction's Good Faith Efforts to implement the programs in its SRRE.

4. Describe any relevant circumstances in the jurisdiction that contribute to the need for an ADR. Provide any relevant information that supports the request.

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Section IV A—PLAN OF CORRECTION

A Plan of Correction is required by PRC Section 41820(a)(6)(B). The plan is fundamentally a description of the actions the jurisdiction will take to meet the 50% goal by the expiration of the Time Extension.

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Residential %		60%	Non-residential %		40%	
PROGRAM TYPE	NEW or EXPAND	DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM		FUNDING SOURCE	DATE FULLY COMPLETED	ESTIMATED PERCENT DIVERSION
Please use the Board's Program Types. The Program Glossary is online at: www.ciwrmb.ca.gov/LGCentral/PARIS/Codes/Reduce.htm						
2030-RC-OSP	New	The City of Merced will begin a pilot commercial recycling service that will target 100 business/ multi-family accounts. The service will consist of commingled collection of recyclables in 1 to 3yd bins. During the pilot program, the City will assess diversion levels; contamination; scavenging; access and storage space for additional containers. The intent of the pilot program is to recommend a city-wide program in FY 2006/07.		Built in rate structure	December 2005	1%
2050-RC-SCH	New	The City of Merced will begin a pilot schools recycling service that will target 10 schools. The service will consist of the collection of single-stream recyclables with various containers for material, namely paper and cardboard. During the pilot program, the City will assess diversion levels; contamination; access and storage space for additional containers. The intent of the pilot program is to recommend a city-wide program in FY 2006/07.		Built in rate structure	December 2005	1%
4060-SP-CAR	New	The City of Merced will begin a pilot construction and Demolition (C&D) recycling service. The City of Merced is working with a recycling contractor, Sunset Waste, to determine a site within Merced County for a Construction and Demolition (C&D) transfer facility, for the transfer of material to a C&D recovery facility in Fresno County. The City of Merced will then work with a contractor to recover the material from the transfer site, and transport the material to Fresno County. During this process, the City of Merced will work with builders and their contractors to recycle onsite C&D debris. The City of Merced will determine at this time whether a single stream recycling service is the most cost-effective, or if the segregation of C&D material is preferred.		Built in rate structure	December 2005	2%
2010-RC-DRP	New	City of Livingston Residential Drop-off of commingled household recyclables: the city will open and operate a recycling drop off recycling center at its corporation yard.		City of Livingston and DOC Grant	December 2005	.5%
3000-CM-RCG	New	City of Dos Palos Residential Curbside Green Waste. The City of Dos Palos will implement an automated residential curbside green waste recycling service		Franchise hauler fees	December 2005	.5%

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2030-RC-OSP	Expand	City of Gustine Commercial on-site recycling; provide public outreach and expand commercial recycling base. The City of Gustine currently has a commercial recycling service for commingled recyclables. The city, in partnership with Merced County Association of Governments and the DOC, is in the process of expanding the customer base for this program.	Franchise hauler fees	December 2005	.5%
Total Estimated Diversion Percent From New and/or Expanded Programs					5.5%
Current Diversion Rate Percent From Latest Annual Report					45%
Total Planned Diversion Percent Estimated					50.5%

PROGRAMS SUPPORTING DIVERSION ACTIVITIES

PROGRAM TYPE	NEW or EXPANDED	DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM	DATE FULLY COMPLETED
GENERATION STUDY	NEW	The Merced County Solid Waste Regional Agency is evaluating Request for Proposals/Request for Qualifications (RFP/RFQ's) for a generation based study for the purpose of applying for a CIWMB New Base Year. Pending contract approval, the generation based study is expected to begin in October of 2005 and be completed by February 2006.	February 2006
5020-ED-OUT	NEW	The Merced County Association of Government's Source Reduction and Recycling Program coordinator, in partnership with Merced County Solid Waste Division, will spearhead public education campaigns for each program listed in the Plan of Correction. Attached to this application are two additional sheets outlining print and electronic outreach materials according to each PARIS code.	December 2005
6020-PI-ORD	NEW	The Merced County Solid Waste Division is currently reviewing C&D ordinances of each jurisdiction within California, to find the ordinance(s) best suited for a regional approach to C&D recovery. The Solid Waste Division will bring this information to the Merced County Solid Waste Policy Board to recommend either the adoption of an ordinance regionally, or to recommend an ordinance to be adopted by each of the seven jurisdictions at the local level.	December 2005

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Section V – PARIS

Office of Local Assistance staff will be reviewing your Jurisdiction's Planning Annual Report Information System (PARIS) database printout as part of the evaluation of your request. Should the Jurisdiction have updates or revisions to the program implementation from the latest Annual Report submitted to the Board, please attach to the application the Jurisdiction's PARIS database printout showing updates or revisions.

Contact your Office of Local Assistance Representative at (916) 341-6199 for a copy of PARIS, or go to the Board's website at www.ciwmb.ca.gov/LGCentral/PARIS/.

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PUBLIC PROGRAM OUTREACH - MERCED COUNTY

Program	Jurisdiction(s)	Outreach	CIWMB Code
Recyclables Drop Off Center Livingston		Public Service Announcements	5000-ED-ELC
		Press Releases	5000-ED-ELC
		Web Page	5000-ED-ELC
		Newspaper Articles	5010-ED-PRN
		Flyers	5010-ED-PRN
		New Resident Package	5010-ED-PRN
		Exhibits	5020-ED-PRN
		Neighborhood Block Leader	5020-ED-PRN
		Recycling Booth	5020-ED-PRN
		Speakers	5020-ED-PRN
Commingled Commercial Recycling	City of Merced	Public Service Announcements	5000-ED-ELC
		Press Releases	5000-ED-ELC
		Web Page	5000-ED-ELC
		Newspaper Articles	5010-ED-PRN
		Flyers	5010-ED-PRN
		New Account Package	5010-ED-PRN
		Exhibits	5010-ED-PRN
		Recycling Booth	5020-ED-PRN
		Speakers (staff)	5020-ED-PRN
		Awards	5020-ED-PRN
Commingled School Recycling	City of Merced	Waste Evaluation	5020-ED-PRN
		Desk Side Recycling Receptacles	5020-ED-PRN
		Videos	5000-ED-ELC
		Slide Show Presentation	5000-ED-ELC
		Web Page	5000-ED-ELC
		Flyers	5010-ED-ELC
		Recycling Booth	5020-ED-ELC
		Desk Side Recycling Receptacles	5020-ED-ELC

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Curbside Green Waste	Dos Palos	Public Service Announcements	5000-ED-ELC
		Press Releases	5000-ED-ELC
		Web Page	5000-ED-ELC
		Newspaper Articles	5010-ED-PRN
		Flyers	5010-ED-PRN
		Mass Mailing of Flyers	
		New Resident Package	5010-ED-PRN
		Exhibits	5020-ED-PRN
		Neighborhood Block Leader	5020-ED-PRN
		Recycling Booth	5020-ED-PRN
Expansion of Commercial Recycling	Gustine	Prizes, recycled content, including magnets	
		Speakers	5020-ED-PRN
		Newspaper Articles	5000-ED-ELC
		Web Page	5000-ED-ELC
		Flyers	5010-ED-PRN
		Speakers	5020-ED-PRN
		Waste Evaluation	5020-ED-PRN